

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0059] with the following amended paragraph:

In order to provide the functionality described herein for utilizing a single telephone number with multiple handsets, an interface is provided between the networks 110 and 112 and the PSTN 116. In particular, the media gateway 246 interfaces with a signal transfer point (STP) 504[[24]] via a communication link. The communication link may employ, for example, the signaling system 7 (SS7) switching protocol. [[The]]STP 504[[24]] may be a multi-port high speed packet switch that is programmed to respond to the routing information in the appropriate layer of the switching protocol and to route the data packets to their intended destinations. [[The]]MSC 272 of the network 112 may also similarly be connected to [[the]]STP 504 via a communication link.

Please replace paragraph [0069] with the following amended paragraph:

Referring now to FIGS. 6A and 6B, the routine 600 begins at block 602 where a calling party places a call to the called party that is a subscriber to the single number telephone service. In order to initiate such a call, the calling party may utilize a handset, such as the handset 308A, to place a telephone call to the single telephone number 514 that has been assigned to the subscriber's handsets. The routine 600 then continues from block 602 to block 604, where a termination attempt is made at the subscriber's number. In response to the termination attempt being made, the CO switch 245 sends a query message to ~~SCP~~the SEP 506.